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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Yasuaki NAKAMURA et al.
Serial No.: 10/077,966
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For: DATA STORAGE SYSTEM AND CONTROL METHOD
THEREOF
Group: 2157
Examiner: Y. Dalencourt

AMENDMENT

MS Amendment

April 5, 2007

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 12, 2007, setting a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 12, 2007, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks are included following the amendments.